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November 10, 2011

Michael Machado
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Dear Mr. Machado,

I'm writing to express support, in concept, for a National Heritage Area (NHA) designation in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta. As outlined in the Delta Vision Strategic Plan, a NHA designation could bring national recognition to the unique historical, cultural, physical, agricultural, recreational and living resources.

National Heritage Areas have been shown to increase and diversify both local and regional economies. An NHA designation can lead to many important projects including historic preservation, increased recreational opportunities, environmental education, and heritage tourism; all of which fall under the purview of the Conservancy's mandates.

We further recognize the effort that the Delta Protection Commission made in engaging local residents, business owners, and stakeholders to ensure that the Feasibility Study was truly a collaborative process. We recognize that the Delta NHA Feasibility Study is exactly that: a study to determine the feasibility and suitability of a NHA designation. However, there were several issues raised at the public workshops that are too detailed to be addressed in the Feasibility Study:

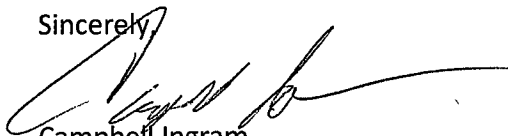
- Opt In / Opt Out procedures
- Potential for future regulatory changes at the State and local level due to historic preservation measures/programs
- Identification of specific areas for targeted increased recreation and tourism

It is our expectation that, per the NHA designation process, these issues will be addressed in the required Management Plan which must have overwhelming local support to be approved by the National Park Service. The Conservancy is committed to facilitating cooperation and collaboration in the Delta. To that end, the Conservancy can provide assistance with outreach, consensus building, facilitating discussions, and networking opportunities as the NHA process proceeds.

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We look forward to the next steps in the NHA process and anticipate that the process will remain collaborative and locally driven. The Conservancy looks forward to working with the Delta Protection Commission in this and other endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Campbell Ingram', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Campbell Ingram
Executive Officer



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November 16, 2011

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Dear Mr. Winternitz,

The Fish Restoration Program Agreement (FRPA), between the Department of Water Resources (DWR) and the Department of Fish and Game (DFG), addresses habitat restoration requirements of the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) biological opinions for State Water Project (SWP) and Central Valley Project (CVP) operations. FRPA also addresses habitat restoration requirements in the DFG Longfin Smelt Incidental Take Permit (ITP) for SWP Delta operations. The primary objective of FRPA is to implement the restoration requirements, under the Biological Opinions and the ITP, focusing on restoring 8,000 acres of Delta aquatic habitat to benefit delta smelt, which also includes 800 acres of habitat to benefit longfin smelt. In addition, there are a number of related actions to benefit salmonids.

As you may know, the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) currently describes similar restoration activities for these species as part of a long-term ecosystem restoration plan in the Delta. Should the BDCP be approved by state and federal fish and wildlife agencies, new biological opinions on the BDCP would replace those described here and addressed by FRPA. The draft FRPA Implementation Strategy describes the process by which DWR and DFG will work together to implement the FRPA program, and identifies restoration actions, estimated costs, targeted acreage, and a timeline.

It is important to note that the Implementation Strategy and the FRPA documents include discussions of stakeholder engagement and acknowledge the existing processes that are underway for various restoration activities and describe a method for working within those processes. Given the collaborative nature of the restoration activities identified in the FRPA, we are requesting input from various agencies and organizations regarding the scope and content of this Implementation Strategy. We will take your comments into consideration when we finalize the document.

The document can be found at the following public address:

http://www.water.ca.gov/environmentalservices/docs/Draft%20Imp%20Strategy_v12_110111.pdf. If you would like to obtain a hard copy, please email Ling Chu at lcchu@water.ca.gov or call (916) 376-9826; provide a mailing address and a copy will be mailed to you.

Please send all comments to Ling Chu at lcchu@water.ca.gov or to our mailing address (Division of Environmental Services, 3500 Industrial Boulevard, West Sacramento, CA 95691). All comments must be received by the close of business December 9, 2011 to be considered. If you have any questions, please contact Dennis McEwan of my staff at (916) 376-9738 (dmcewan@water.ca.gov) or Jim Starr of the Department of Fish and Game (jstarr@dfg.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

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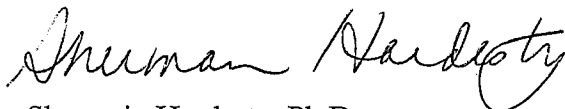
Dear Mr. Ingram,

We gratefully acknowledge the check we received from the Sacramento – San Joaquin Delta Conservancy on December 15, 2011 in the amount of \$750.00 for co-sponsorship of the statewide agritourism summit organized by the UC Small Farm Program and held in Stockton on November 4, 2011.

This conference benefited farmers, ranchers, agritourism operators, county staff, and agricultural, tourism and community development professionals in all the counties served by the Delta Conservancy.

Thank you for your support of the University of California Small Farm Program.

Sincerely,



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